

The Senate is known for its bipartisanship to pass legislation. I hope that the work Senator BAUCUS and I have done in a bipartisan way to bring this product of tax relief to the American taxpayers and to this body for it to become law serves as an example not only for the entire Senate but also will continue the tradition of bipartisanship that we have had in our committee.

I hope that we do, in fact, look upon the Senate as being very closely divided for a long period of time, and for whoever is in control, it is very important that we continue this bipartisanship in the Senate.

I yield the floor, and I yield back the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BINGAMAN (after having voted in the negative). Mr. President, on this vote, I have a pair with the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI). If he were present and voting, he would vote "yea." If I were permitted to vote, I would vote "nay." I therefore withdraw my vote.

Mr. AKAKA (after having voted in the negative). Mr. President, on this vote, I have a pair with the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI). If he were present and voting, he would vote "yea." If I were permitted to vote, I would vote "nay." I therefore withdraw my vote.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that if present and voting, the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) would each vote "yea."

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) is absent attending a funeral.

I also announce that the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) is absent attending his daughter's wedding.

I further announce that if present and voting, the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) would each vote "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 58, nays 33, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 170 Leg.]

#### YEAS—58

Allard	Frist	Murkowski
Allen	Gramm	Nelson (NE)
Baucus	Grassley	Nickles
Bennett	Gregg	Roberts
Bond	Hagel	Santorum
Breaux	Hatch	Sessions
Brownback	Helms	Shelby
Bunning	Hutchinson	Smith (NH)
Burns	Hutchison	Smith (OR)
Campbell	Inhofe	Snowe
Carnahan	Jeffords	Specter
Cleland	Johnson	Stevens
Cochran	Kohl	Thomas
Collins	Kyl	Thompson
Craig	Landrieu	Thurmond
Crapo	Lincoln	Torricelli
DeWine	Lott	Voinovich
Ensign	Lugar	Warner
Feinstein	McConnell	
Fitzgerald	Miller	

#### NAYS—33

Bayh	Dodd	McCain
Biden	Dorgan	Mikulski
Byrd	Durbin	Nelson (FL)
Cantwell	Edwards	Reed
Carper	Feingold	Reid
Chafee	Graham	Rockefeller
Clinton	Hollings	Sarbanes
Conrad	Inouye	Schumer
Corzine	Kennedy	Stabenow
Daschle	Levin	Wellstone
Dayton	Lieberman	Wyden

#### PRESENT AND GIVING A LIVE PAIR, AS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED—2

Akaka,	Bingaman,
against	against

#### NOT VOTING—7

Boxer	Harkin	Murray
Domenici	Kerry	
Enzi	Leahy	

The conference report was agreed to. Mr. ENSIGN. I move to reconsider the vote by which the conference report was agreed to.

Mr. BROWNBACK. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I ask that there now be a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### LETTER OF DECISION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter, which I received from Senator JEFFORDS this week, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, May 24, 2001.

Hon. THOMAS DASCHLE,  
Democratic Leader,  
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR DASCHLE: I am writing to you, Vice President Cheney and Senator Lott, to inform you of my decision to become an Independent and caucus with the Senate's Democrats for organizational purposes once the conference report to accompany H.R. 1836 is transmitted to President George Bush for his signature.

My change in affiliation is to become effective at the close of business on either the

first day of session following the upcoming Memorial Day recess, or the close of business on the date of such transmittal, whichever occurs later. I hope it will assist the Senate if the recess is available to the Leaders to discuss and decide the numerous transition issues the Senate will face.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. JEFFORDS,  
U.S. Senator.

#### HONORING THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a Resolution to honor a group of Americans who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting our Nation.

As we approach Memorial Day, we should take time to remember the sacrifices and achievements of our armed forces. In doing so, I would like to recognize the heroic African Americans who served in the Ninth and Tenth Horse Cavalry Units of the U.S. Army. These units first were established at the end of the Civil War and eventually were ordered to the Western Frontier, where they earned the name "Buffalo Soldiers." These men were instrumental in the realization of our Manifest Destiny by guarding settler communities and securing new western land. These brave American soldiers continued to serve our country in the Spanish-American War as part of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders and again in during World War II, both in Europe and here at home as our domestic defense in California against a possible Japanese invasion.

The Buffalo Soldiers were truly brave Americans to which our country owes a great debt. I would like to draw special attention to a soldier in their ranks—Colonel Charles Denton Young. Colonel Young was a lifelong resident of my home state of Ohio and contributed greatly to his country. He graduated from West Point in 1884 as only the third African American to ever receive a diploma from the Academy. Owing to his strength, perseverance, mental and physical toughness, and a natural ability to lead, Young eventually was promoted to the rank of Colonel, which was the highest rank ever achieved by an African American at that time.

Leading his men on the battle field, however, was not the only way Colonel Young had an influence on the people around him. He took an active role in his community as an educator and mentor to students at Wilberforce University in Ohio. Colonel Young was a person whom others wished to emulate, and continue to emulate today, as Secretary of State Colin Powell has cited Colonel Young as one of his earliest role models. I believe I can speak for all Ohioans when I say that we are extremely proud of Colonel Young and his contributions to our nation, and I believe that America has great cause to share in this pride.

I ask that when celebrating the great accomplishments of our armed forces this Memorial Day, we do not forget